

# OHIO FARM REPORT



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## OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during March, 2006, totaled 657 million eggs, up 11 percent from last month and up 3 percent compared with a year earlier when production for March, 2005 totaled 638 million eggs. During March there were 29.1 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,261 eggs per 100 layers, or 72.9 percent. There were 1.5 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on April 1, 2006. There were 23.5 percent of the layers in Ohio that have completed a forced molt compared with 22.5 percent a year ago. In all egg-producing states on April 1, 2006, 2.3 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 24.9 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.84 billion during March 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.73 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The number of layers during March 2006 averaged 350 million, up 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up slightly from March 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2006, totaled 350 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 350 million layers consisted of 292

million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2006, averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 1, 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2006 totaled 38.9 million, down 7 percent from March 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on April 1, 2006, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2006 totaled 817 million, up slightly from March 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 659 million on April 1, 2006, down slightly from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2006 in the United States totaled 29.9 million, up 3 percent from April 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down slightly from the March 1, 2006 total of 29.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: E N Central, up 2 percent; W N Central, down slightly; N & S Atlantic, up 12 percent; S Central, and West combined, down 6 percent.

### MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated <sup>1/</sup>	
	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	28,089	29,053	2,261	638	657	2,474	2,594
U.S.	346,959	350,085	2,239	7,738	7,837	30,013	30,326

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period began December of previous year.

### CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed <sup>1/</sup>		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Mar.	41,701	38,918	93	816,552	817,068	100	23,376	24,674	106
Jan.-Mar.	114,419	108,005	94	2,346,166	2,354,286	100	153,120	162,004	106

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

### EGGS IN INCUBATORS - APRIL 1, 2006

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E. North Central <sup>1/</sup>	7,125	6,922	97	9,179	9,471	103	4,763	4,880	102
United States	37,732	35,797	95	660,137	658,570	100	29,105	29,890	103

<sup>1/</sup> Not available by States.

**EGG PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2004 AND 2005<sup>1</sup>**

	Ohio		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Eggs produced (million eggs)	7,355	7,506	89,091	89,960
Price per dozen (dollars) <sup>2</sup>	0.545	0.365	0.714	0.539
Value of production (000 dollars)	333,750	228,182	5,299,185	4,042,282

1/ December 1, previous year through November 30. 2/ Includes hatching and market (table) eggs.

**BROILER PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2004 AND 2005<sup>1 2</sup>**

	Ohio		United States <sup>3</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Number produced (000 head)	41,600	43,100	8,740,650	8,870,350
Pounds produced (000 pounds)	224,600	228,400	45,796,250	47,908,100
Price per pound (dollars) <sup>4</sup>	0.45	0.44	0.446	0.436
Value production (000 dollars)	101,070	100,496	20,446,086	20,901,939

1/ Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains. 2/ December 1, 2004, through November 30, 2005. 3/ Excludes states producing less than 500,000 broilers. 4/ Live-weight equivalent price.

**TURKEY PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2004 AND 2005**

	Ohio		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Number raised (000 head) <sup>1</sup>	5,800	5,700	264,207	256,270
Pounds produced (000 pounds)	219,820	212,610	7,304,813	7,206,560
Price per pound (dollars) <sup>2</sup>	0.42	0.44	0.420	0.449
Value of production (000 dollars)	92,324	93,548	3,065,417	3,232,576

1/ Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. Excludes young turkeys lost. 2/ Actual live weight prices for Ohio, U.S. combined actual live weight and live weight equivalent prices.

**CHICKEN DISPOSITION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2004 AND 2005<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Lost <sup>2</sup>	Sold for Slaughter	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	Thousand head	Thousand head	Thousand lbs.	Dollars	Thousand dollars
Ohio					
2004	6,460	14,104	47,954	0.001	48
2005	6,266	15,977	54,322	0.002	109
United States					
2004	100,616	191,706	997,621	0.058	57,615
2005	92,867	193,116	1,000,535	0.065	64,554

1/ December 1, 2004, through November 30, 2005. Excludes broilers. 2/ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during the 12 month period.

## U.S. MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP 5.5 PERCENT

The total milk production in Ohio during March 2006 was 423 million pounds; 16 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during March 2006 was 273 thousand; 5,000 head more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,550 pounds, was up 2 percent from last year's milk per cow.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 5.5 percent from March 2005. February

revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 5.9 percent from February 2005. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,773 pounds for March, 66 pounds above March 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.22 million head, 124,000 head more than March 2005, and 17,000 head more than February 2006.

### FEBRUARY MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	06/05
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream (Hard)	1,989	1,677	84	64,240	62,925	98

### MARCH MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cow on farm <sup>1/</sup>			Milk per cow			Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>			06/05
	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,744	1,782	1,785	1,850	1,705	1,920	3,226	3,038	3,427	106
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>104</b>
Wisconsin	1,233	1,240	1,241	1,560	1,455	1,620	1,923	1,804	2,010	105
23 State Total	8,099	8,206	8,223	1,707	1,587	1,773	13,825	13,022	14,579	106

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR MARCH

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during March 2006 totaled 24.8 million pounds; unchanged from a year earlier. Total live weight slaughtered in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 10.2 million pounds, up 8 percent; calves, 20,000 pounds, down considerably; hogs, 27.0 million pounds, up 4 percent; sheep & lambs, 79,000 pounds, down 10 percent from last year. March 2006 included 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.11 billion pounds in March, up 6 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in March 2005.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, which was up 5 percent from March 2005. The average live weight was

up 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.3 million pounds, which was slightly above March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,200 head, which was down 13 percent from March 2005. The average live weight was 42 pounds above last year, at 370 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, which was up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.23 million head, which was 3 percent above March 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.2 million pounds, was down 6 percent from March 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 249,700 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 145 pounds, up 6 pounds from March a year ago.

### MARCH COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2005	2006	Pct. of prev. yr.	2005	2006	Pct. of prev. yr.
Number of Head (000)						
Cattle	8.2	9.1	111	2,725.1	2,852.4	105
Calves <sup>1/</sup>	4.5	0.1	2	68.0	59.2	87
Hogs	94.9	99.0	104	8,949.7	9,234.1	103
Sheep & Lambs	.9	.8	89	280.1	249.7	89
Average live weight (lbs)						
Cattle	1,140	1,121	98	1,237	1,273	103
Calves	400	350	88	328	370	113
Hogs	273	273	100	271	272	100
Sheep & Lambs	103	104	101	139	145	104
Total live weight (000 lbs)						
Cattle	9,393	10,169	108	3,369,749	3,630,357	108
Calves <sup>1/</sup>	1785	20	1	22,300	21,886	98
Hogs	25,932	27,033	104	2,423,674	2,510,925	104
Sheep & Lambs	88	79	90	38,819	36,327	94

1/ Large volume decrease generated percentages not suitable for analysis.

## MARCH COLD STORAGE REPORT

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2006 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, butter, beef, eggs, and cheese.

Butter stocks were up 14 percent from last month and up 27 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 3 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 5 percent from last month and down 8 percent from

the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 5 percent from last month, but down 17 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on March 31, 2006 were up slightly from the previous month and up 15 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 6 percent from the previous month, but up 29 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 18 percent from last month, but down 10 percent from March 31, 2005.

### STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE MARCH 31, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Mar 31, 2005	Feb 28, 2006	Mar 31, 2006	March 31, 2006 as percent of	
				03/31/05	02/28/06
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	132,436	148,516	168,843	127	114
Cheese, Total Natural	749,228	770,990	808,766	108	105
Eggs, Frozen	18,548	24,388	20,840	112	85
Fruits, Frozen	748,834	872,259	753,120	101	86
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,896,430	1,363,499	1,321,389	70	97
Meats, Total Red	931,583	973,737	941,266	101	97
Beef, Total Frozen	372,323	428,296	422,995	114	99
Pork, Total Frozen	543,778	525,086	499,425	92	95
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,088,879	1,246,368	1,249,988	115	100
Chicken	673,470	923,913	867,479	129	94
Turkeys	414,159	317,854	374,579	90	118
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,767,745	1,869,909	1,709,198	97	91
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,093,666	1,147,080	1,159,285	106	101

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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